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1. (Secret - GLC) Met with Bill Woodruff, Senate Appropriations Committee staff, and briefed him on the Chinese nuclear test that took place this morning. I also advised him of the Soviet missile test of 27 September. Woodruff commented in passing that he thought the budget briefing Friday had gone very well.

2. (Secret - GLC) Met with Ed Braswell, Senate Armed Services Committee staff, and briefed him on the Chinese nuclear test that took place this morning. I also asked Braswell if he had any background on the discussions between Senators Thurmond and Stennis on Thurmond's interest in the Panama Canal. (Senator Stennis had talked with the Director about this at the conclusion of the budget briefing on Friday.) Braswell was not able to shed any light on this but said he would see what he could find out. We have since obtained a copy of Thurmond's bill (S. 2228) to provide for improvements in the Canal and several statements made by Thurmond in the Senate on this subject. These are being sent to Mr. Godfrey for OCI's use in preparing a paper which Senator Stennis requested on this.

I took this opportunity to again mention to Braswell the subject of retirement legislation and suggested that we get together with him on our proposals as soon as it was convenient for him to do so. We will follow up on this.

Braswell also expressed the opinion that the budget briefing on Friday had gone quite well. He added that we should not react too strongly or take too literally comments made by Senator Russell at these briefings. (He was specifically referring to the Senator's comment that he did not share our enthusiasm about a sensitive project which was covered in this briefing.)

3. (Confidential - GLC) Received calls from both Messrs. Woodruff and Braswell expressing surprise and some consternation over the phrasing of Army Secretary Resor's statement on the Green Beret case as it referred to the Agency. I advised them that I had no information on the considerations that were involved in this statement.

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4. (Internal Use Only - LLM) Delivered to Diane Daines, in the office of Representative Laurence J. Burton (R., Utah), a suggested reply to a constituent, [REDACTED] and was thanked for our help.

5. (Unclassified - LLM) Delivered to William Woodruff, Senate Committee on Appropriations staff, a letter with attachments from the Executive Director-Comptroller and a receipt was obtained.

6. (Unclassified - LLM) Returned to the office of Representative Joel Broyhill the Congressman's letter on behalf of [REDACTED] who apparently is confused and believes he has applied for a guard position with the Agency when, apparently, he has applied for a guard position at the Pentagon.

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8. (Secret - JGO) Received from Mrs. Mary McLaughlin, Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff, copies 1, 2, and 3 of 3 of the transcript of the CIA briefing of Tuesday, 23 January 1968. These transcripts are forwarded to the Agency for safekeeping and are subject to the call of the Committee. (See Journal of 17 September.)

9. (Secret - JGO) Met with Miss Doris L. Scott, House Armed Services Committee staff, and briefed her on certain compartmented clearances. Appropriate documentation was completed.

10. (Secret - JGO) At the request of Mr. John R. Blandford, Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, I met with Chairman Mendel Rivers in his office and briefed him on ChiCom nuclear testing and testing of a possible new Soviet missile. Representative Rivers expressed his appreciation for the briefing and indicated his desire that we be sure to come by to talk to him on matters such as these.

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